

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Luca VINCI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3761
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Application No.: 10/500,331	)	Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
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Filed: June 28, 2004	)	
	)	Allowed: January 16, 2009
For: EQUIPMENT FOR CONTROLLING	)	
BLOOD FLOW IN AN	)	Confirmation No.: 8958
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD	)	
CIRCUIT	)	

**VIA FACSIMILE: Mail Stop 313(c)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PATENT APPLICATION FROM ISSUE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), Applicant hereby respectfully petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently with this petition. According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition is enclosed.

This request for a withdrawal from issue is made to allow Applicant to submit for the Examiner's consideration an Information Disclosure Statement for documents that Applicant has become aware of. The withdrawal of the present application is necessary in order to enable the Office to consider the new information before a patent is granted.

**Since this application is scheduled to issue on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 (the next day the PTO is open due to the Memorial Day holiday) as Patent No. 7,537,578, prompt and favorable consideration is urgently requested.**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be withdrawn from issue.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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